



SEVENTY - THIRD
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The MSSU Bookstore in Billingsly Student Center will be open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. for your convenience and a Spirit Store is available near the main entrance of Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

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KGCS and the student broadcast group, the National Broadcasting Society, will produce DVD copies of today's ceremony. Order forms are available on the program tables located at the entrances.

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While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this program, graduation filing deadlines, printing deadlines and degree audit adjustments can prevent inclusion of graduates' names or may result in publishing names of individuals not completing degree requirements. This program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's official academic or degree status.



SPECIAL *Recognition*

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Mr. Jeff Taylor

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SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

Ms. Mary Zustiak

PROGRAM | 10:00 AM

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| Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance" | Elgar Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble |
| National Anthem | Presentation of Colors Show-Me GOLD Color Guard |
| Welcome and Introductions | Dr. Alan Marble President, Missouri Southern State University |
| Commencement Speaker | Jeff Taylor Chief Operating Officer, Menorah Medical Center Missouri Southern State University, Class of 2006 |
| Presentation of Class | Dr. Paula Carson Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University |
| Conferring of Graduate Degrees | Dr. Alan Marble |
| Master's Hooding | Dr. Jeffrey Zimmerman Dean, Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University Ms. Lorinda Hackett Interim Dean, School of Education, Missouri Southern State University Dr. Marsi Archer Dean, School of Arts & Sciences, Missouri Southern State University Dr. Christopher Bradley Chair, Department of Criminal Justice, Social Work and Sociology, Southeast Missouri State University |

PRESENTATION OF BACCALAUREATE AND ASSOCIATE DEGREES

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| Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees | Dr. Alan Marble |
| Presentation of Diplomas | Board of Governors |
| Introduction of Degree Candidates | Mr. Mike Olmstead University Relations and Marketing, Missouri Southern State University |
| Announcement of Academic Honors | Dr. Paula Carson |
| MSSU Alma Mater (See page 17) | Miranda Duncan BA - Music, Neosho |
| Recessional "Alleluia! Laudamus Te" | Alfred Reed Missouri Southern Wind Ensemble |

Please remain standing until recessional is completed. Please turn off all cell phones.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: JEFF TAYLOR



It's a career Jeff Taylor says he "stumbled into" in the offseason of his two years playing minor league baseball, but one that has proven to be a home run.

Taylor, who graduated from Missouri Southern in 2006 as an honors student with a degree in business administration-management, was offered an administrative position in a hospital. He quickly realized it was a role that combined two of the things he was most passionate about.

"I've always wanted to give back and help society," he says. "Once I realized I could have a business degree and work in healthcare, I never thought about doing anything else.

He went on to earn his master of science in health administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He served as administrator for Mid-America Surgery Institute, and later as chief operating officer for Belton Regional Medical Center.

In 2016, he was appointed as chief operating officer of Menorah Medical Center, a full-service, acute-care hospital in ER serving the communities of Overland Park and Leawood, Kan. The hospital has more than 600 physicians and 800 staff members, and focuses on some of the Kansas City area's most advanced treatment options.

He also serves as a member of the advisory board for MSSU's new Gipson Center for Healthcare Leadership.

"I think the program will open a lot of doors for people," he said. "As a provider of health care, we're always looking for talented leaders and (MSSU) is creating the next generation for Southwest Missouri and the region."

Being invited back to speak during commencement at his alma mater is an honor, Taylor said.

"For me, being from Joplin, Missouri Southern always felt like an extended family," he said. "I had known (former MSSU baseball coach) Warren Turner since I was a boy, and (former basketball coach) Robert Corn and others ... all those people felt like family to me. As a young kid trying to figure out his way in the world, having that support structure was great for me."

A pitcher and first baseman for the Lions for three seasons, he was a two-time MIAA Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll selection and was drafted by the Washington Nationals in 2005. He played two seasons for the team before shoulder surgery brought an end to his pitching days.

It's a sport that provided the foundation for a lot of memories and life lessons during his time at Missouri Southern.

"Warren Turner was an excellent baseball coach and really loved the game, but he was an even better molder and leader of men," Taylor said. "He could take a bunch of ages 19, 20, 21 years old and instill in them life lessons about brotherhood, service and giving back to your community.

"He taught us more about becoming successful adults and human beings than baseball."

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MASTER OF ACCOUNTANCY

Boos, Jonathan Wayne; Peculiar; Accounting
Fonseca, Eric; Baxter Springs, KS; Accounting

Hiserote, Bradley J.; Saint Joseph; Accounting
Rogers, Kaitlyn Aleece; Carl Junction; Accounting

MASTER OF SCIENCE-EDUCATION

Alverson, Gayle Ann; Neosho; Curriculum and Instruction
Fenske, Jason P.; Carl Junction; Curriculum and Instruction
Fish, Jena Ann; Platte City; K-12 English Language Learner
Hinkle, Bailey Nicole; Pleasant Hope; K-12 English Language Learner
Mehrens, Brian Scott; Joplin; Curriculum and Instruction

Robinson, Justin M.; Joplin; Curriculum and Instruction
Shurley, Autumn Leigh; Joplin; Curriculum and Instruction
Wagner, Kirsten Lynn; Carthage; K-12 English Language Learner
Williams, Taylor Jo; Joplin; Curriculum and Instruction

MASTER OF SCIENCE-MANAGEMENT

Bass, Sarah Nicole; Webb City; Human Resource Management
Management
Bullette, Linda René; Pittsburg, KS; General Management
Crane, Patricia M.; Neosho; Human Resource Management
Curl, Joyce L.; Webb City; Human Resource Management
DeCarlo, Ronni Denise; Neosho; Human Resource Management
Elliott, Stephanie Joy; Carthage; Human Resource Management
Harrison, Robin S.; Carthage; Human Resource Management

Hawkins, Kristen Marie; Carl Junction; Human Resource
Hicks, Nathaniel Alexander; Joplin; General Management
Holofrith, Oleksandr; Ukraine, General Management
Noller, Sherry L.; Webb City; Human Resource Management
Platt, Edwin Bennett, Carl Junction; General Management
Riggs, Shelby S.; Joplin; General Management
Stiles, Laura Renee; Webb City; Human Resource Management
Wang, Peidi; China; General Management

COOPERATIVE GRADUATE PROGRAMS

MISSOURI SOUTHERN STATE UNIVERSITY/SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTER OF SCIENCE

Patton, Jennifer R.; Joplin; Criminal Justice
Waddell, Lauren Marie; Springfield; Criminal Justice

Woody, Rebecca Ann; Webb City; Criminal Justice

CANDIDATES FOR HONORS & DEGREES

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

SUMMA CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.90 OR ABOVE

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|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Alyssa Brown ‡ | Kendal Hale | Charity Oakes | Joash Victor |
| Lauren Brown ‡ | Sonja Mark | Kathryn Paine | Ashlea Zumwalt ‡ |
| Michelle Crosby † | Andrea McGinnis | Brittany Rice | |
| Amber Cure ‡ | David Meinershagen | Kinzie Spencer ‡ | |
| Taurean Guzman ‡ | Edward Morgan | Cameron Tournear ‡ | |

MAGNA CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.80-3.89

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| Folaranmi Adeyeri | Whitney Blodgett | Matthew Harris | Valeroso Royale |
| Fadel Alnasser | Lexa Curtis | Willow Hine | Jaime Shrum |
| Brittney Anderson | Rachel Graves | Joseph Kinder | Chantae Walters |

CUM LAUDE | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.70-3.79

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| Hussain Alnasser | Felicia Foster | Travis Scheerer | James Tupper |
| Sydney Buffington | Hannah Henson | Teryn Scott | Riley Ulery |
| Logan Deems | Mariah Irvin | Olivia Smith | Desire Walls |
| Elliott Evans | Sabrina Madewell | Tawnee Tabor | Joshua Walter |
| Haylee Fields | Rebecca Morin | Eliza Tidball | Jonathan Weaver |

ASSOCIATE DEGREES

FIRST HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.90 OR ABOVE

Katjana Gries

SECOND HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.80-3.89

Folaranmi Adeyeri

THIRD HONORS | GRADE POINT AVERAGE 3.70-3.79

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| Elliott Evans | Brady Hopkins | Andre Martins |
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Latin Honors are earned by completing all hours of the junior and senior years in residence at Missouri Southern State University, with a minimum of those hours equaling 60 or more. In addition, the cumulative GPA must be a minimum of 3.70.

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Clifton, Melissa Taylor; Bella Vista, AR; Environmental Health
and Safety

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Aguirre, Aracely †; Grove, OK; Spanish

Brown, Alyssa Marie ‡; Joplin; English-Professional/Technical Writing

Brown, Lauren Elizabeth ‡; Joplin; English-Professional/
Technical Writing

Byrne, Natali Ann; Kansas City; History

Cruz, Claudia; Cassville; Spanish

Curtis, Lexa J.; Lamar; Spanish

Duncan, Miranda Erin; Neosho; Music

Garcia, Nayeli; Rogers, AR; International Studies

Irvin, Mariah Page; Carterville; English-Professional/Technical Writing

Lazure, Annie Marie; Neosho; Spanish

Moua, Amy Chee; Granby; English-Literary Studies

Myles, Darius Cameron; Tulsa, OK; Political Science

Randol, Brian Ray; Grove, OK; Music Industry

Randolph, Abigail Lynn; Joplin; Communication-Mass

Walls, Desirè Dawn; Neosho; English-Literary Studies

Watkins, Haley N.; Riverton, KS; English-Literary Studies

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

Alvarez, Marilyn Itzel; Rogers, AR; Fine Arts-Graphic Design

Harris, Matthew A.; Baxter Springs, KS; Fine Arts-Graphic Design

Rea, Carla A.; Lamar; Fine Arts-Studio

Yust, Hampton L.; Seneca; Fine Arts-Graphic Design

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Aguirre, Aracely †; Grove, OK; Biology

Allen, Sadie Anne; Columbia; Chemistry

Anderson, Colt Ivan; Springfield; Environmental Health and Safety

Anderson, Lucas Antony; Joplin; Environmental Health and Safety

Ballard, Cindel Fay; Joplin; Biology

Basye, Alec J.; Webb City; Criminal Justice Administration

Beasley, Sydney Lane; Webb City; Chemistry

Blodgett, Whitney Amber; Joplin; Biology

Bolte, Ethan Kyle †; Joplin; Chemistry

Boulanger, Hank McKinley; Towanda, KS; Communication-Mass

Brock, Ashlea Mae; Neosho; Sociology

Burbridge, Riley U.; Cassville; Biology

Burns, Carol U.; Wichita Falls, TX; Criminal Justice Administration

Carpenter, Elizabeth A.; Charlotte, NC; Criminal Justice Administration

Crain, Marilyn Jane; Columbus, KS; Biology

Crisp, Jacob Nathanael; Bismarck, ND; Environmental Health
and Safety

Cruzan, Matthew Andrew; Joplin; Physics-Engineering

De La Torre, Maria Guadalupe; Noel; Biology

Dennis, Michelle Sonya; Jamaica; Biology

Egelston, Vira V.; Ukraine; Biology

Ejizu, Kaodilichukwu John; Carson, CA; Communication-Mass

Ewing, Blake Alan; Carl Junction; Communication-Mass

Fisher, Jennifer; Goodman; Criminal Justice Administration

Foote, Carrie Elisabeth; Neosho; Biology

Foster, Felicia Denise; Joplin; Communication-Mass

Garza Maldonado de Najarro, Marlin C.; Guatemala; Biology

Hang, Chue; Neosho; Biology

Hartwell, Rylee Jordan; Joplin; Sociology

Hayden, Allyssa Nicole; Olney, TX; Criminal Justice Administration

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

* May or July Graduate

Henzlik, Taylor Renee; Montrose; Criminal Justice Administration
Hickman, Carter Lee; Neosho; Communication-Public Relations
Hill, Khye Jared; Carthage; Biology
Johnson, Christopher Gil; Neosho; Biology
Jones, Denton Lee; Joplin; Communication-Mass
Jones, Elijah W. †; Anderson; Criminal Justice Administration
Kamumo, Thomas Nyota; Miami, OK; Biology
Kehn, Tessa Marie; Branson; Criminal Justice Administration
Khader, Jalal Amjad; Grapevine, TX; Criminal Justice Administration
King, Jacob Alexander; Branson; Biology
Lee, Trista Koren; Galena, KS; Mathematics
Lenz, Daniel Alan; Elgin, IL, Criminal Justice Administration
Lindsey, David Lucien; Joplin; Geography
Long, Debra Leanna May; Diamond; Criminal Justice Administration
Lundstrum, Sarah Allison; Joplin, Biology
Mai, Maverick Carter; Joplin; Biology
Marshall, Heather Lyn; Seneca; Criminal Justice Administration
Martin, Sarah Kathryn; Neosho; Biology
Mavis, Dakota Walker; Joplin, Biology
Meredith, Kiliagh Renae; Farmington; Biology, Environmental Health and Safety
Morgan, Gilbert; San Diego, CA; Environmental Health and Safety
Paige, Raven Alexandra; Webb City; Biology
Paine, Kathryn Ruth; Bartlett, TN; Biology
Palet, Brittney Nicole; Erie, KS; Environmental Health and Safety
Patel, Sheel A.; Nevada; Biology
Phillips, Donald Scott; Doniphan; Criminal Justice Administration
Putney, Tyler Robert; Raymore; Biology
Rhymer, Jacob W.; Joplin; Environmental Health and Safety
Roberts, Dustin Shawn; Philpot, KY; Environmental Health and Safety
Ryan, Caitlyn Ann; Joplin; Political Science
Sachetta, Luke Alexander; Joplin; Communication-Mass
Sams, Peter Mackenzie; Garfield, AR; Biology
Seward, Nathan Dean; Joplin; Biology
Shinn, Samantha G.; Springfield; Biology
Smith, Bailey Elizabeth; Webb City; Biology
Smith, Jonas Edward; Carthage; Computational Math/CIS-Math
Strope, Bethany Elaine; Deepwater; Criminal Justice Administration
Sturgis, Timothy Fay; Paola, KS; Environmental Health and Safety
Tart, Amos Hampton; Franklinton, NC; Criminal Justice Administration
Turner, Mikaylin Jonelle; Lexington; Criminal Justice Administration
Ussery, Joyce Ellen; Joplin; Criminal Justice Administration
Varner, Amanda Elizabeth; Gravette, AR; History
Victor, Joash S.; British Virgin Islands; Biology
Way, Brian Daniel; Buffalo; Criminal Justice Administration
White, Janzen Garrett; Joplin; Environmental Health and Safety
Wicker, Veronica Elaine; Noel; Biology
Williams, Stephanie Elizabeth; Joplin; Biology
Yang, Mianqing; China; Physics-Engineering
Yetter, Jamie Kay; Carthage; Criminal Justice Administration
Young, Trevor Michael; Neosho; Biology
Yun, Jiyoung; Republic of Korea; Biochemistry
Zamanzadeh, Cina; Joplin; Environmental Health and Safety
Zumwalt, Ashlea Rose ‡; Joplin, Communication-Mass, Communication-Public Relations

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Abdo, Ahmed; Yemen; Law Enforcement
Burns, Carol Jean; Wichita Falls, TX; Law Enforcement
Cano, Martin Alonzo; Grand Prairie, TX; Law Enforcement
Carpenter, Elizabeth Irene; Charlotte, NC; Law Enforcement
Davis, Ethan Jonathan Carter; Springdale, AR; Law Enforcement
Davis, Robin Marie Magee; Springdale, AR; Law Enforcement
Elliott, Alyssa Grace; Houston; Law Enforcement
Ford, Baylea Nicole; Washburn; Law Enforcement
Hayden, Allyssa Nicole; Olney, TX; Law Enforcement
Henzlik, Taylor Renee; Montrose; Law Enforcement
Hopkins, Brady A.; Seneca; Law Enforcement
Jones, Elijah W. †; Anderson; Law Enforcement
Kehn, Tessa Marie; Branson; Law Enforcement
Khader, Jalal Amjad; Grapevine, TX; Law Enforcement
Lenz, Daniel Alan; Elgin, IL; Law Enforcement
Loving, Dalton Kaywood; Owasso, OK; Law Enforcement
Marshall, Heather Lyn; Seneca; Law Enforcement
Phillips, Donald Scott; Doniphan; Law Enforcement
Ramos, Tasha Lee; Clarksville, TN; Law Enforcement
Rekic, Muharem; Saint Louis; Law Enforcement
Strope, Bethany Elaine; Deepwater; Law Enforcement
Tart, Amos Hampton; Franklinton, NC; Law Enforcement
Turner, Mikaylin Jonelle; Lexington; Law Enforcement
Ussery, Joyce Ellen; Joplin; Law Enforcement
Way, Brian Daniel; Buffalo; Law Enforcement
White, Stephanie Nicole; Joplin; Law Enforcement
Wimp, Aimee Ranae; Oswego, KS; Law Enforcement

SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

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|---|---|
| Adams, Tobey Marie; Joplin; Nursing | Ikerd, Karin Renee; Joplin; Health Science- Respiratory Therapy |
| Alanezi, Mohammed Zeed; Saudi Arabia; Health Science- Paramedic | Janicki, Jamie Shakara; Carthage; Nursing |
| Albrecht, Patricia Diane; Green City; Health Science- Business Life | Johnson, Nancy Marie; Pittsburg, KS; Health Science - Respiratory Therapy |
| Aldihnayn, Mohammed Ibrahim A.; Webb City; Health Science - Dental Hygiene | Kelley, Erin Renee; Saint Louis; Nursing |
| Alharbi, Abdulaziz Saleh; Saudi Arabia; Health Science- Paramedic | Klepadlo, Jaclyn; Mays Landing, NJ; Health Science- Dental Hygiene |
| Almutairi, Awad Mohammed; Saudi Arabia; Health Science - Business Life | Koger, Alyssa Nicole; Riverton, IL; Nursing |
| Alotaibi, Saad M.; Webb City; Health Science - Business Life | Lea, Rachel Anne; Monett; Nursing |
| Arizaga, Socorro; Carthage; Nursing | Lewis, Shelby Lauren; Neosho; Health Science - Business Life |
| Austin, Joseph Allen; Webb City; Nursing | Luchsinger, Aerial Elizabeth; Marshfield; Health Science - Radiologic Technology |
| Blankenship, Kenzie Dawn; Galena, KS; Health Science - Business Life | May, Brealynn Michelle; Joplin; Nursing |
| Bozich, Michelle Dawn; Bentonville, AR; Health Science - Respiratory Therapy | Meier, Madeline Renee; Boss; Health Science- Business Life |
| Burtrum, Sarah Leigh; Webb City; Nursing | Merritt, Jesse Ryan; Joplin; Health Science- Paramedic |
| Chapman, Kelsey Renae; Ozark; Health Science - Respiratory Therapy | Mesey, Austin Joseph; Aurora; Health Science- Paramedic |
| Cloyd, Katherine Carter; Joplin; Nursing | Miller, Robert J.; Pierce City; Nursing |
| Combs, Kelsey Renea; Willow Springs; Nursing | Moots, Alyssa Dawn; Galena, KS; Nursing |
| Cruz, Claudia; Cassville; Nursing | Morgan, Tyesha M.; Carthage; Health Science - Business Life |
| Davis, Kimberly Marie; Lebanon; Nursing | Noll, Jodie K.; O Fallon; Health Science - Respiratory Therapy |
| Devkota, Sanju; Nepal; Nursing | Osborne, Hanna Elise; Cedar Hill; Nursing |
| Dial, Aubrie Michelle; Ava; Nursing | Paul, Pollyanna Belle; Joplin; Nursing |
| Donovan, Ashlee Elizabeth; Germantown, MD; Nursing | Peine, Emilee Rachel; Lamar; Health Science - Paramedic |
| Eikenbary, Ashley Denise; Kansas City, KS; Health Science - Business Life | Pendergraft, Abigail M.; Walker; Health Science - Business Life |
| Endicott, Aubrey Nicole; Joplin; Nursing | Perez, Elizabeth Maxine; Joplin ;Nursing |
| England, Taylor Renee; Joplin; Health Science- Business Life | Perkins, Cara Elizabeth; Carl Junction; Nursing |
| Foote, Tabitha Marie; Butler; Nursing | Reed, McKinna Marie; Claremore, OK; Health Science- Paramedic |
| Foster, Hannah Claire; Lee's Summit; Health Science- Business Life | Roberson, Keann Calmay; Covington, GA; Nursing |
| Fry, Sydney Lynn Rachelle; Grain Valley; Health Science - Business Life | Scott, Teryn Danielle; Kansas City; Nursing |
| Gerth, Brian R.; Saint Louis; Health Science- Paramedic | Sheley, Sara Nichole; Springfield; Health Science - Radiologic Technology |
| Godsey, Andrew Brandon; Pittsburg, KS; Health Science- Paramedic | Shelton, Jeffrey Robert; Saint Louis; Health Science- Paramedic |
| Hansen, Megan Kylee; Webb City; Nursing | Sweeney, Danielle Kathleen; Jasper; Nursing |
| Hardy, David Jake; Joplin; Nursing | Thompson, Karodyn DyLanie; Baxter Springs, KS; Health Science-Paramedic |
| Harrison, Whitney Elaine; Parker, TX; Nursing | Tupper, James Douglas; Joplin; Health Science- Paramedic |
| Hernandez, Derik; Noel; Nursing | Vandergrift, Shealynn M.; Mount Vernon; Health Science - Business Life |
| Horrell, Amanda Leigh; Webb City; Nursing | Wilson, Haily Rayann; Webb City; Nursing |
| Humphrey, Hailey Marie; Baxter Springs, KS; Health Science - Business Life | Winkleman, Adrianna Michelle; Webb City; Health Science - Respiratory Therapy |

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

* May or July Graduate

ROBERT W. PLASTER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adeyeri, Folaranmi D.; Nigeria; CIS-Information Technology
Almansaf, Aqeel Abdullah H.; Saudi Arabia; Industrial Engineering Technology
Ambrosius, Zane Anthony-Warren; Carthage; CIS-Information Technology
Arguello, Silvio Alejandro; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology
Armer, Alex W.; Pineville; Logistics
Blackburn, Daniel C.; Carl Junction; Industrial Engineering Technology
Bolte, Ethan Kyle †; Joplin; Logistics
Cantrell, Conner Mac; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology
Eldred, Ailan Roan; Joplin; CIS-Information Technology
Evans, Elliott Gwane; Denton TX; Industrial Engineering Technology
Fichtner, Lynsey R.; Joplin; Logistics
Gibson, Christopher Martin; Joplin; Logistics
Gibson, Johnathan Chace; Joplin; CIS-Information Technology
Gray, Tabitha Beverly; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology
Kent, Joshua Alan; Reeds Spring; Industrial Engineering Technology
Magallanes, Christian Andres; Webb City; CIS-Information Systems

Rho, Joseph Jean Whistler; Haiti; CIS-Information Technology
Rice, David Gregory Thomas; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology
Rodriguez, Frank Javier; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology
Rueda, Luis Enrique; Monett; Logistics
Sharp, Brock Tyler; Joplin; CIS-Information Technology
Smith, Annie Louise Chen; Joplin; Industrial Engineering Technology
Smith, Jonas Edward; Carthage; CIS-Math/Computational Math
Stahl, Aiden Alexander; Joplin; CIS-Information Technology
Tasfay, Jamal M.; Bronx, NY; CIS-Information Technology
Templeton, Matthew Charles; Carthage; CIS-Information Technology
Tidball, Eliza Grace; Jasper; Logistics
Trahan, Cole T.; Pineville; Logistics
Upchurch, Bonnie Anna; Monett; Logistics
Vest, Megan Roxanne; Webb City; CIS-Information Technology
Walker, Jonathan Thomas; Joplin; CIS-Information Technology
Weideman, David James; Duenweg; Industrial Engineering Technology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Alaffari, Omar S.; Saudi Arabia; Finance
Albright, Shae Marie; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management
Alnasser, Fadel Abdullah; Saudi Arabia; Management, Human Resource Management
Alnasser, Hussain Abdullah; Saudi Arabia; Management, Human Resource Management
Amey, Leah Rose; Loma Linda; Accounting
Anderson, Brittney Marie; Pittsburg, KS; Accounting
Aust, Brady Houston; Purdy; General Business
Badovinac, Jacob Edward; Saint Charles, IL; Marketing
Baldwin, Chloe Anne; Lamar; Accounting
Barros, Christian; Brazil; Accounting
Beard, McKalee Dawn; Joplin; Accounting
Beery, Sabryn K.; Bella Vista, AR; Human Resource Management
Belcher, Benjamin Graham; Carl Junction; Accounting
Bemo, Asia Tel; Carl Junction; Economics
Black, Victoria Alexandra; Green Bay, WI; Accounting
Brennecke, Bridgett Emily; Raymore; Accounting
Bresee, Marissa Alexandra; Rogersville; Management,

Human Resource Management
Brody, Chase M.; Gravette, AR; General Business
Brooks, Taylor G.; Baxter Springs, KS; Accounting
Buchanan, Abigail Nicole; Carthage; Management, Human Resource Management
Caudill, Braxton James; Bella Vista, AR; General Business
Christians, Kristopher Dale; Bentonville, AR; Finance
Coffer, Justin Lee; Diamond; Marketing
Coillot, Breanna Colette; Joplin; Management
Cortes, Maribel Concepcion; Springdale, AR; General Business
Craig, Colton Brice; Webb City; Management, Marketing, Human Resource Management
Crosby, Michelle L. †; Carl Junction; Accounting
Cruse, Alfida Lauren; Saint Louis; Finance
Cure, Amber Cheyenne ‡; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management
Curran, Joshua; Webb City; Management, Human Resource Management
Davis, Tadd J.; Oronogo; Management, Human Resource Management

Denney, Chylea Nichole; Neosho; Management, Human Resource Management

Deveraux, Garrett Michael; Marysville, CA; Accounting

England, Taylor Renee; Joplin; Accounting

Esch, Elizabeth Lauren; Carthage; Marketing

Farahzad, Kayhon Tony; Lebanon; Accounting

Ford, Hayden Michael; Oronogo; Marketing, Management

Fortuna, Easton William, Parkville, Finance

Foster, Jordan Scott; Mount Vernon, Accounting

Freer, William Paul; Joplin; Management

Garritson, Austin Tyler; Joplin; Marketing, Management, Human Resource Management

Graddy, Zackary S.; Joplin; Finance

Gray-Buckley, Deja; Saint Louis; Management, Human Resource Management

Hale, Kendal Loren; Columbus, KS; Accounting, Finance

Hallam, Samuel John; Springfield; Marketing

Hamouda, Ahmad Osama; Saudi Arabia; Finance

Hampton, Amanda G.; Webb City; Management

Harris, Julia Alexandria; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management

Henson, Hannah Nicole; Exeter; Marketing

Hine, Willow Dawn; Sarcxie, Accounting

Hoagland, Benjamin W.; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management

James, Nicklaus David; Joplin; Marketing

James, Nicolas Geoffrey; Monett; General Business

Johnson, Ashley Michelle; Joplin; Management

Johnson, Quiauna Ree Trenbeth; Webb City; Management

Jones, Camish Ranel; Castle Rock, CO; Human Resource Management

Kelly, Marcus Nathaniel Eugene; Commerce, OK; Management

Lee, Chelsea Nicole; Valdosta, GA; Management

Leighton, Jonathan Michael; Victoria, MN; Marketing

Lopez, Sarah Beth; Pittsburg, KS; Accounting

Maher, Andrea Laurel; Danville, AR; Accounting

Mark, Sonja Ann; Coffeyville, KS; Accounting

Marshall, Tanner Charles; Purdy; Finance

McGarrah, Kelsie Lynn; Fairland, OK; Marketing, Management, Human Resource Management

Moore, Paul Keith; Carthage; Marketing

Morgan, Edward Leon; Nevada; Management

Myers, Christopher Luke; Joplin; Human Resource Management

Parker, Shelby Raye; Harrison, AR, Human Resource Management

Randle, Reno Nedwin; Galena; Marketing, Management

Redman, Katrina Diane; Carl Junction; Accounting

Rempel, Ryanna Rachel; Chillicothe; Accounting

Rickett, Rhianna Meghan; Lamar; Human Resource Management

Riker, Kaleigh Ann; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management

Robertson, Samuel Lee; Joplin; General Business

Rodriguez, Verence; Monett; Management, Human Resource Management

Royale, Valeroso De Cristo; Eugene, OR; Accounting

Russell, Carrie Ann; Neosho; Human Resource Management

Smith, Aaron Michael; Mundelein, IL; Accounting

Smith, Aaron P.; Diamond; Finance

Smith, Chaun Lamont; Saint Louis; General Business

Stoller, Jamie McGee; Joplin; Human Resource Management

Stotts, Tiffany; Branson; Management, Human Resource Management

Strait, Reanna Marie; Joplin; Accounting

Swant, Meagan Rae; Fayetteville, AR; Accounting

Todd, Andrew O'Brien; Bentonville, AR; Management

Tuggle, Nicholas Allen; Carthage; Human Resource Management

Ulery, Riley JD; Asbury; Management

Vernon, Thomas Alexander; Neosho; Marketing

Vogt, Cody Thomas; Carl Junction; Management

Wald, Anna Marie; Anderson; Human Resource Management

Walter, Joshua David; Hilliard, OH; International Business

Ward, Roth Wallis; Centerton, AR; Management, Human Resource Management

Wasson, Stephanie Nicole; Seneca; Accounting

Weaver, Jonathan Charles; Neosho; Finance

Wells, Andrew; Beaumont, TX; Management

Wenzel, Whitney Dawn; Exeter; General Business

West, Bridgette Marie; Saint Louis; Management, Human Resource Management

Whipkey, Phillip Steven; Neosho; Management

White, Allison N.; Joplin; Management, Human Resource Management

Williams, Beverly Jean; Springdale, AR; Accounting

Williams, DeShaun O'Neal; Odenville, AL; Management

Wright, Melynda Rae; Harker Heights, TX; Accounting

Xayadeth-Moore, Evelyn M.; Springdale, AR; Accounting

Yang, Lasia Phillip; Washburn; Management

Yang, Sura; Washburn; General Business

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Adeyeri, Folaranmi D.; Nigeria; CIS-Info Systems

Ambrosius, Zane Anthony-Warren; Carthage; CIS-Info Systems

Arguello, Silvio Alejandro; Joplin; Manufacturing Engineering

Technology

Barcelos, Gabriel Diniz; Brazil; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Briscoe, Brittany; Carl Junction; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Cantrell, Conner Mac; Joplin; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Denney, Jeremy Ryan; Neosho; Manufacturing Engineering

Technology

Evans, Elliott Gwane; Denton, TX; Manufacturing Engineering

Technology

Gibson, Johnathan Chace; Joplin; CIS-Info Systems

Gries, Katjana Irma; Germantown, TN; Manufacturing Engineering

Technology

Guerrero, Trinidad Aguilera; Joplin, CIS-Info Systems

Harrison, Steven Scott; Joplin; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Jarrett, Thomas M.; Neosho; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Lancaster, Tina Marie; Quapaw; Manufacturing Engineering Technology

Magallanes, Christian Andres; Webb City; CIS- Information Systems

Martins, Andre Felipe Lima; Brazil; Manufacturing Engineering

Technology

Michael, Eric G.; Pittsburg, KS; CIS-Info Systems

Muhammed, Issa Ibraheem; Webb City; Manufacturing Engineering
Technology

Rho, Joseph Jean Whistler; Haiti; CIS-Information Systems

Rice, David Gregory Thomas; Joplin; Manufacturing Engineering
Technology

Sharp, Brock Tyler; Joplin; CIS-Info Systems

Smith, Annie Louise Chen; Joplin; Manufacturing Engineering
Technology

Stahl, Aiden Alexander; Joplin; CIS-Info Systems

Tasfay, Jamal M.; Bronx, NY; CIS-Info Systems

Templeton, Matthew Charles; Carthage; CIS-Info Systems

Vang, See; Stark City; CIS-Info Systems

Vest, Megan Roxanne; Webb City; CIS-Info Systems

Walker, Jonathan Thomas; Joplin; CIS-Info Systems

Watkins, Brendan Simri; Olathe, KS; Manufacturing Engineering
Technology

Weideman, David James; Duenweg; Manufacturing Engineering
Technology

Wilson, Natalie Brook; Diamond; Manufacturing Engineering
Technology

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Fields, Haylee Nicole; Miami, OK; Psychology

Walters, Chantae Natifa; British Virgin Islands; Psychology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Adams, Brenda Leigh; Galena, KS; Psychology

Alhoms, Aishah M.; Cliffside Park, NJ; Psychology

Bottom, Emily Lynn; Webb City; Psychology

Cantrell, Marlena Elizabeth; Galena, KS; Health Promotion
and Wellness

Chandler, Colin J.; Nixa; Health Promotion and Wellness

Clyde, Jason Tylor; Joplin; Health Promotion and Wellness

Cornwell, Madison Alittia; Carthage; Psychology

Deems, Logan Thayer; Pierce City; Psychology

Escobar, Jeannine Ashley; Huntington Beach, CA; Health Promotion
and Wellness

Ewing, Gannon Thomas; Carl Junction; Psychology

Graves, Rachel R.; Baxter Springs, KS; Psychology

Hatfield, Meghan D.; Seneca; Psychology

Hickey, Megan Elizabeth; Joplin; Psychology

Huron, Brendon Christopher; San Antonio, TX; Psychology

Kennedy, Erin P.; Joplin; Health Promotion and Wellness

Low, Shannon David; Joplin; Psychology

Madewell, Sabrina Michelle; Joplin; Psychology

Marcano, Abigail A.; Monett; Psychology

Parks, Jackson McKinley; Neosho; Psychology

Perez, Salena D.; Joplin; Health Promotion and Wellness

Persson, Joakim E.; Sweden; Health Promotion and Wellness

Rust, Teddy M.; Mount Vernon; Health Promotion and Wellness

Scheerer, Travis W.; Webb City; Psychology

Stauffer, Kate; Joplin; Health Promotion and Wellness

Thurman, Nicole Sky; Joplin; Psychology

Walters, Joseph Alan; Joplin; Health Promotion and Wellness

Wheeler, Lindsay Donivon; Aurora; Psychology

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

* May or July Graduate

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION

Abruzzo, James Thomas; Neosho; Middle School Education - Science

Adams, Caroline Lanae; Loma Linda; Middle School Education
- Science

Bogue, Jason; Joplin; K-12 Education - Art

Buffington, Sydney Renee; Mount Vernon; K-12 Education - Art

Chang, Michael Eli; Exeter; Middle School Education - Math

Collister, Penny R.; Webb City; Middle School Education- Math

Dean, Nicolas Alexander; Marionville; Middle School Education
- Math

Dyer, Breana Ilyn; Joplin; Middle School Education- Science

Farley, Ezekiel Stephen; Carl Junction; K-12 Education
- Physical Education

Flack, Hannah Noel; Joplin; Elementary Education

Garcia, Flor Teresa; Rogers, AR; Middle School Education - Science

Glidewell, Sarah Justine; Ozark; Elementary Education/English
Language Learner (K-12)

Greenstreet, Sarah E.; Neosho; Secondary Education- Business

Guzman, Taurean Yasmin ‡; Spring Hill, KS; Middle School
Education - Language Arts, Secondary Education- English

Hart, Destiny Rose; Willow Springs; Middle School Education
- Language Arts, Secondary Education- English

Hulette, Kurtlin J.; Webb City; Elementary Education

Johnston, Caleb Michael; Neosho; Middle School Education
- Math, Middle School Education- Science

Jones, Nathan Douglas; Carl Junction; Secondary Education - English

Kinder, Joseph A.; Kansas City; Middle School Education - Math

McConnell, Kristian Anthony; Carthage; K-12 Education
- Physical Education

McGinnis, Andrea R.; Joplin; Elementary Education

Meinershagen, David Warren; Webb City; Elementary Education/
English Language Learner (K-12)

Monzon, Jennifer Sarai; Carthage; Elementary Education

Morin, Rebecca Ann; Granby; Elementary Education

Odet, Dustin Wayne; Joplin; Elementary Education

Parrigon, Elaine Carolene; Pierce City; K-12 Education - Art

Pearson-Hargus, Megan Alyssa; Bentonville, AR; Middle School
Education - Social Studies

Putney, Tyler Robert; Raymore; Secondary Education- Biology

Reeves, Joseph J.; Maryland Heights; Secondary Education - Business

Rice, Brittany L.; Pierce City; Elementary Education

Scoggins, Kassandra Kate; Lowell, AR; Elementary Education
- Special Education

Shrum, Jaime Diane; Washburn; Middle School Education - Math

Shurley, Jared Michael; Joplin; Secondary Education- Biology

Sims, Allie Marie; Neosho; Elementary Education

Smith, Olivia Lea Maty; Sarcoxie; Elementary Education

Smith, Shelby Amyx; West Plains; Secondary Education- Biology

Spencer, Kinzie Mary ‡; Riverton, KS; Elementary Education

Stilabower, Mariah Grace; Lamar; Elementary Education

Tabor, Tawnee Rae; Carl Junction; Elementary Education
- Early Childhood

Thomas, Brianna Lynn; Monett; Middle School Education- Science

Tournear, Cameron Shawn ‡; Webb City; Elementary Education

Tuggle, Katherine Danielle; Webb City; Elementary Education

Viera, Yessenia Noemi; Carthage; Elementary Education

Vinson, Brianna Marae; Joplin; Elementary Education

Welch, Carley Danielle; Webb City; Elementary Education

White, Kaitlin A.; Cuba; Secondary Education- Business

Withers, Matthew Grant; Carthage; Elementary Education

Yarber, Jason Wayne; Milo; Secondary Education- English

Ybarra, Caitlin Reed; Diamond; K-12 Education- Instrumental

BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES

Barger, Bricynn Analise; Miami, OK; General Studies
Beachner, Jared Waldon; Webb City; General Studies
Broccard, Nicole Renee; Claremore, OK; General Studies
Bruey, Jason Tyler; Joplin; General Studies
Buckmaster-Clark, Amber N.; Carthage; General Studies
Burr, Paige Ashton; Loma Linda; General Studies
Deckard, Wendy Marie; Galena, KS; General Studies
Ferwalt, Tabitha Ashley; Mount Vernon; General Studies
Fortner, Tarah J.; Republic; General Studies
Freis, James R.; Joplin; General Studies
Hertzberg, Lucas A.; Oronogo; General Studies
Isenmann, Benjamin David; Jasper; General Studies
Jones, Amanda Kay; Seneca; General Studies
Lacayo, Justin A.; Lauderdale Lakes, FL; General Studies
Lewis, Shawn O.; New Braunfels, TX; General Studies
McCoy, Shelby Elizabeth; Mountain Grove; General Studies
Moehr, Dustin Levi; Joplin; General Studies
Newman, Makiah Marie; Leavenworth, KS; General Studies

Newman, Tierra Shontay; Allen, TX; General Studies
Oakes, Charity J.; Joplin; General Studies
Pettibon, Lindy L.; Webb City; General Studies
Poncé, Rosalee Karene; Neosho; General Studies
Richardson, Tonya Suzanne; Joplin; General Studies
Sageser, Charla Lynn; Vinita, OK; General Studies
Salas, Alejandra; Monett; General Studies
Sharp, Cody Edward; Miami, OK; General Studies
Shelton, Kylie Marie; Joplin; General Studies
Sperandio, David Lawrence; Jefferson City; General Studies
Sumler, Rebecca Leigh Ann; Anderson; General Studies
Torres, Cynthia; Mexico; General Studies
Walrath, Jacquelyn M.; Mount Vernon; General Studies
Wilkes-Sharpley, D'Angelo; Toledo, OH; General Studies
Woods, Adam Josiah; North Port, FL; General Studies
Worthey, Ashleigh Lorraine; Prairie Grove, AR; General Studies
Ybarra, Jalen Ismael; Webb City; General Studies





GRADUATES WHO HAVE STUDIED *Abroad*

As provided by the Institute of International Studies.

Students who received MSSU academic credit for studying abroad through an MSSU-sponsored or recognized program are wearing a sash today representing the country or countries where they studied. Since 1995, MSSU has sent more than 3,500 students abroad to reflect its statewide mission in global education.

Aguirre, Aracely | Belize, Spain

Alvarez, Marilyn | Denmark, Ireland, Norway, Sweden

Blankenship, Kenzie | Germany

Blodgett, Whitney | United Kingdom

Bogue, Jason | Sweden

Bottom, Emily | Austria

Burbridge, Riley | Belize

Cantrell, Conner | Germany

Crosby, Michelle | Ireland

Curtis, Lexa | Chile, Spain

Duncan, Miranda | Estonia, Finland, Sweden

Evans, Elliott | Germany

Gries, Katjana | Germany

Hickey, Megan | South Korea

Humphrey, Hailey | Germany

Ikerd, Karin | Belize

Johnson, Christopher | United Kingdom

Jones, Elijah | Mexico

Lundstrum, Sarah | Belgium, United Kingdom

Moore, Paul | Japan

Paine, Kathryn | Belize

Palet, Brittney | Belize

Rea, Carla | South Korea, Sweden

Rho, Joseph | Czech Republic, Germany

Richardson, Tonya | Estonia, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom

Shinn, Samantha | Belize

Smith, Annie | Germany

Tidball, Eliza | Czech Republic, Germany

Vest, Megan | Canada

Walls, Desire | Canada

Wang, Peidi | Czech Republic, Germany

Williams, Stephanie | Belize

Wilson, Natalie | Germany

Ybarra, Caitlin | Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy

Ybarra, Jalen | Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy

Yust, Hampton | Denmark, Norway, Spain, Sweden



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Class of '39

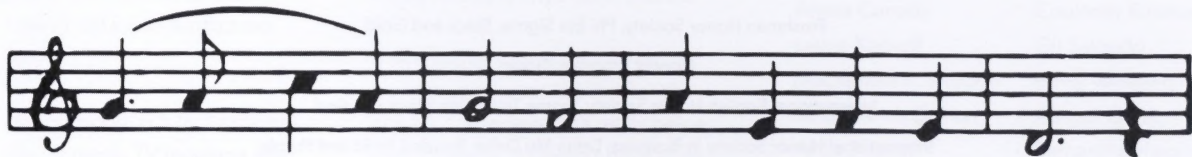
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Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE & REGALIA CORDS

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions.

TRADITIONAL COLORS AND CORRESPONDING FIELDS OF STUDY ARE:

Accountancy, Business, Commerce: Drab

Arts, Humanities, Letters: White

Education: Light Blue

Fine Arts: Brown

Journalism: Crimson

Law: Purple

Library Science: Lemon Yellow

Music: Pink

Nursing: Apricot

Philosophy: Dark Blue

Physical Education: Sage Green

Science: Golden Yellow

Theology: Scarlet

REGALIA CORDS

Alpha Chi: Gold

Athletics: Green and Gold

Caduceus Society: Braided Gold and Royal Blue

Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma: Royal Blue and Gold

Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Sigma Phi Alpha: Purple and Gold

Education Honor Society, Kappa Delta Pi: Purple and Green

Freshman Honor Society, Phi Eta Sigma: Black and Gold

Honors Program: Green

International English Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta: Black and Red

International Honor Society in Business, Delta Mu Delta: Braided Gold and Purple

International Honor Society in Economics, Omicron Delta Epsilon: Braided Gold and Blue

International Honor Society in Psychology, Psi Chi: Braided Platinum and Dark Blue

Latin Honors: Double Braided Bright Gold, White, and Green

National History Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta: Blood Red and Sky Blue

National Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa: Braided Blue, Black and White

National Physics Honor Society, Sigma Pi Sigma: Dark Green and White

Nursing Honor Society: Apricot

Respiratory Therapy Honor Society, Lambda Beta: Navy Blue and Green

Social Work Honor Society, Phi Alpha: Blue and Gold

Theatre Honor Society, Alpha Psi Omega: Antique Gold and Light Blue

Veteran: Red, White, and Blue

Women in Science: Orchid Pink

POINTS OF PRIDE

ORDER IN THE COURT

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for Missouri Southern's new mock courtroom was held Nov. 19 in the Criminal Justice Building.

The courtroom has all of the features one would expect to find in a judicial setting. There is a judge's bench, witness and jury boxes, tables for the prosecution and defense, and a gallery for visitors to watch the proceedings.

"The idea came out of a conversation between several faculty members who were looking at ways to create more immersive environments for our students," said Dr. Tim Wilson, chair of the Criminal Justice Department. "We decided to try to find space in Criminal Justice to make a courtroom that could be used by multiple disciplines.

"We were able to secure some funding for the project and worked on it over the summer. We wanted to make it as close to an actual courtroom as possible, and repurposed some of the furniture from Joplin's old juvenile office on Pearl Ave."

The new courtroom is fully functional, with video screens, TV monitors and audio capability.

"It has everything you'd expect for any courtroom setting, whether it be a criminal or civil case," he said.

Wilson anticipates that the courtroom will be utilized by a variety of students from across campus.



NEW DOWNTOWN MURAL TAKING SHAPE

Downtown Joplin is getting another splash of color thanks to a new four-panel mural under the Sixth Street viaduct.

Spearheaded by associate professor Burt Bucher in conjunction with the Downtown Joplin Alliance, the murals showcase three different lions as well as a familiar-looking lantern.

"We're using Missouri Southern as a platform, but I didn't want this to be a marketing project," says Bucher, who has worked on the project along with students. "Each lion will represent a famous alumni or member of the community.

"But this isn't about painting a pretty picture. It's about cleaning up the space. The lantern isn't just an academic symbol, but it's about bringing light into the darkness – an illuminated, clean space."

Lauren Weiss, a junior art major, says she's excited to see the project join the ranks of the city's other murals.

"I was happy to see the murals coming up all over Joplin after the tornado," she says. "It's really helped a lot of places. It doesn't have to be solely related to Missouri Southern. The lions can also mean having pride in your town."



STUDENTS, FACULTY INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Thirty-nine students and two faculty members were inducted into the Golden Crest Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa during an initiation ceremony held Nov. 3.

Founded in 1914, membership into the national leadership honor society is based on exemplary service, leadership, scholarship and character. It recognizes achievements in the following five areas:

- Scholarship
- Athletics
- Campus and community service; social and religious activities; and campus government
- Journalism, speech and mass media
- Creative and performing arts

Faculty/staff initiates were Dr. Debra A. Fort, director of Project Stay; and Dr. Julie A. Wengert, associate vice president of Student Affairs.

Student initiates were:

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| Alice Pedraza | Jonathan Johnson |
| Carina Calderon | Sherin Lancy |
| Sarah Schultz | Ayden Moran |
| Alyssa Canady | Courtney Rasmussen |
| Layne Karhoff | Gil Salgado |
| MacKenzie R. Strycker | Emily Versteeg |
| Jewell Anna Dehon | Abigail Cook |
| Alicia Pickett | Samantha Hargis |
| Megan Carney | Hanna Jenay Schmit |
| Sydney Dose | Jordan N. Gibson |
| Kelsey Martin | Brandon C. O'Connell |
| Autumn J. Miller | Kaylea C. Furgerson |
| Jillian Hackney | Alex Carr |
| Emilee Jo Baker | Ethan Matthew |
| Joseph Mitchell | Adams |
| Annie Nicolle | Meredith Jean |
| Strickling | Belrose |
| Ashley Ann Bluemel | Janae Robinson |
| Brandon J. Claussen | Peyton Rogers |
| Kennedee French | Cameron Bednar |
| Brandy Jackson | Alyssa Diaz |



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